

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) *re*: COMMUNAL DISTURBANCES IN MUNIREDDIPALYAM

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—Sir, as my friend Sri Vatal Nagaraj is at present not here, I may be permitted to call the attention of the Chief Minister to the communal disturbances that took place at Munireddypalyam in Bangalore City. Otherwise, it may be taken up after some time. Or, the Chair can permit the Minister to make the Statement.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I permit that the statement be made by the Hon'ble Minister.

† **Sri MANIKRAO PATIL** (Deputy Minister for Home).—Sir, it is reported that at Munireddypalyam, Bangalore, there is a recreation club named "Young Leaders Association". It is reported that there was a quarrel among the members on the night of 24th June 1968 while playing cards and one member was assaulted by another. On the night of 26th June 1968, at about 8.30 P.M. supporters of these two members indulged in rioting by exchange of blows, throwing soda bottles and missiles in front of the club building. In the meanwhile, a fruit shop located in the ground floor of the building was raided and a ration shop (opposite to the building) was also ransacked by some of them. Four empty jutkas parked at a distance were also set fire to. The local Police and the Fire Brigade promptly arrived at the spot to bring the situation under control and prevent damage. At about 10.45 P.M., when the situation had almost returned to normalcy, a fuel depot was set on fire, but the Fire Brigade extinguished the fire. In this connection the extent of damage to private property is estimated at Rs. 8,124.75 P. There was however no damage to public property.

A Peace Committee consisting of influential persons of the locality was formed on 27th June 1968. The Peace Committee has met several times and gone round the area and helped in the maintenance of peace.

Four cases were registered by the police in this connection and investigation taken up.

Police patrolling in the area is continuing. The situation has returned to normalcy.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—Has it not come to the notice of the Government that the persons who started giving blows were the police officers who were playing cards in that particular Club?

Sri MANIKRAO PATIL.—If the hon'ble Member so desires, he can put a separate question and I will furnish the answer.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Let us take up the next item.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—Sir, may I suggest that other Call Attention Notices may be taken up simultaneously?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes, it can be done.